
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7063](#)

BY Bennett, Donovan, McEntee, Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Abney, Edwards, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS {LC3314/1} (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7064](#)

BY Bennett, McEntee, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Carson, Ackerman, Abney, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC BOTTLE AND CONTAINER LABELING ACT {LC3485/1} (Would prohibit the sale of miniature alcoholic beverage containers in Rhode Island.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7065](#)

BY McEntee, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Carson, Caldwell, Craven, Morales, Kislak, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT {LC3347/1} (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7066](#)

BY Bennett, Shanley, Speakman, Amore, Craven, Noret, Kislak, Cortvriend, Donovan, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - OLD GROWTH FOREST PRESERVATION ACT {LC3377/1} (Creates state and local requirements for the protection and preservation of old growth forests located on public lands.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7067](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - RHODE ISLAND FREEDOM TO FISH AND MARINE CONSERVATION ACT {LC3530/1} (Requires DEM to establish baseline shellfish harvest targets and a timeline to accomplish the restoration targets of quahog, oyster, and bay scallop populations.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7130](#)

BY Bennett, Chippendale, Shanley, Perez, Noret, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY {LC3274/1} (Requires that when a person causes an injury requiring medical assistance to a human by firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting, the initial responding entity must immediately make a report to DEM.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

HouseEnvironmentandNaturalResources@rilegislature.gov

Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.

Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.

This inbox is for written testimony only.

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website.
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HENV.aspx>

VERBAL TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. Masks are mandatory in committee hearings and in the State House.

Please take note of the procedure for verbal testimony over the phone:

***DEADLINE:** Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. For phone testimony, the deadline to register is 4:00 pm the day prior. To register, complete the [FORM](#) or sign-up in person with the committee clerk.

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Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called and in some cases, it may be at a late hour. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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